

W Wooster High School Guidance Dept.

Wooster City School District

September 2015

Inspiring World-Class Academic Achievement

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Principal's Message:

Welcome back to another school year. We are off and running at full speed. Please remember that students and parents can always stay up to date with student progress through ProgressBook, and our teachers are only a phone call or email away.

We thank our students and teachers for their work as we have recently been recognized once again by *U.S. News and World Report* and awarded the silver medal ranking. It is quite an accomplishment to be back on this list again.

Many things have and are changing in the world of education as we strive for college and career readiness. Starting with the class of 2018, students have multiple pathways to graduate. College credit is also available to high school students through College Credit Plus and AP coursework. As student and families plan for the future, please talk to a guidance counselor and utilize their expertise when looking at high school plans.

Wooster has a multitude of opportunities and we encourage students to strive for excellence. Please partner with us as we create a dynamic educational experience that will foster a lifetime of learning.

~ Tyler Keener, Principal

****For those students that have not returned the Acceptable Use Policy and the Universal Consent for Student Information, we will revert to last years' information. To change, visit <http://www.woostercityschools.org/hs> and click on FORMS and fill out the appropriate paper under downloadable forms.***

New Guidance Changes

The Guidance Office has undergone some changes for the 2015-2016 School year. We welcome new counselors, Mrs. Jamie Gerber and Mr. Tyler Egli to Wooster High School. Due to this, counseling duties have shifted.

Mrs. Gerber	A – G (9-12)	Ext. 3102	wstr_jgerber@woostercityschools.org
Mrs. Ertl	H – O (9-12)	Ext. 3404	wstr_jertl@woostercityschools.org
Mr. Egli	P – Z (9-12)	Ext. 3107	wstr_tegli@woostercityschools.org
Mrs. Goff	Grade 9	Ext. 3108	wstr_cgoff@woostercityschools.org
Ms. Robison	Grade 8	Ext. 3234	wstr_mrobison@woostercityschools.org
Mrs. Mills	Secretary	Ext. 3400	wstr_cmills@woostercityschools.org

ACT/SAT TEST DATES:

Sign up for the ACT on-line at: www.actstudent.org.

Cost: ACT- \$39.50; ACT(w/writing)-\$56.50

The test dates are:

October 24, 2015
December 12, 2015
February 6, 2016
April 9, 2016
June 11, 2016

The registration deadline is:

September 18, 2015
November 6, 2015
January 8, 2016
March 4, 2016
May 6, 2016

Late fee required:

September 19- October 2, 2015
November 7-20, 2015
January 9-15, 2016
March 5-18, 2016
May 7-20, 2016

Sign up for the SAT on-line at: www.sat.org/register. The cost for the SAT is \$54.50.

The test dates are:

October 3, 2015
November 7, 2015
December 5, 2015
January 23, 2016
March 5, 2016
May 7, 2016
June 4, 2016

The registration deadline is:

September 3, 2015
October 9, 2015
November 5, 2015
December 28, 2014
February 5, 2016
April 8, 2016
May 5, 2016

Late fee required:

September 22, 2015
October 27, 2015
November 23, 2015
January 12, 2016
February 23, 2016
April 26, 2016
May 25, 2016

BOLD denotes tests given at WHS (School Code: 365-630)

It is never too early to be thinking about college or career pathways. Here are some important points for each class to think about and begin acting on for this school year.

Grade 8:

- House Bill 487 updated Ohio's graduation requirements beginning with the Class of 2018. Visit www.woostercityschools.org/hs for the latest information. Know what you need to graduate from WHS.
- Grades earned in eighth grade are used to determine ninth grade placement. Make certain you do your best. Develop good study habits that will carry you throughout your high school career.
- Speak with friends/family about careers and possible school choices. Ask counselors which courses to take in high school that might help you in your career aspirations.

Freshman:

- Get Organized. Build a schedule allowing for study time, extracurriculars, & other interests. Consider developing a 4-year plan of classes in order to make certain you increase your chances for success.
- Get involved. Join extracurricular activities in which you have a genuine interest. Accept leadership roles as this may show focus and commitment. Consider activities outside of school as well: volunteering, community involvement, scouting, church activities.
- Continue to speak with parents/counselors about your interests and how that might work into a career.
- If you will be participating in College Credit Plus, you must have an ACT & apply to a college.
- Stay focused on your grades & ask for help immediately when necessary.
- Be mindful of social networking. Don't post something that you wouldn't want a college admissions officer to see. Admission officers do check these sites.

Sophomores:

- Strive to keep good grades. Classes may be more difficult & you may need to allow yourself more study time. Continue to participate in those activities/extracurriculars that are important to you & your career/college path. All you do here is training ground for your future career!
- Begin to research colleges that excel in your chosen interests/career choice. What do they have to offer you?
- If you will be participating in College Credit Plus (CCP) program, you must take an ACT & apply to a college. This is an excellent way to possibly earn high school & college credit at the same time.
- Check out NCAA requirements if pursuing athletics in college.
- If you are considering the Wayne County Schools Career Center for next year, mark these important dates on your calendar:
 - October 9, 2014**- ambassadors from the WCSCC will be in the PAC for presentations. You will learn about the variety of programs the WCSCC has to offer.
 - November 20, 2015**- Sophomore Visitation Day
 - December 4, 2014**- WCSCC Open House
- Remember to watch your social media outlets.

Juniors:

- Sign up to take the PSAT – a test that could qualify you to become a National Merit scholar and receive money for college. Also, it is a good practice test for the SAT. There are a limited number of tests given. The fee for the PSAT is \$14.00 and may be paid through Oct. 12 and will be given on Oct 15. Make checks payable to WHS.
- Register and take the ACT or SAT sometime this school year.
- Double-check with your counselor to make certain you have the necessary classes to be ready to succeed.
- Familiarize yourself with admission requirements of schools of interest, schedule campus visits. (keep mindful of WHS policy for college visitation), see admissions representatives that visit WHS, attend College Fairs.
- Register with NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse, if planning to play college sports.
- Begin to compile a personal data sheet of what you have participated in during high school. Include honor roll, extracurriculars, volunteering activities, leadership roles, etc. Colleges are looking for quality, not quantity.
- Begin to think about scholarships & other ways to finance college.
- Continue to choose a challenging curriculum of classes for your senior year. NCAA athletes, make certain classes you have chosen meet necessary criteria.
- Colleges do look at your social media outlets. Be mindful of what is there.

Seniors:

- Continue to monitor your grades. You may be accepted in your senior year to the college of your choice, but they will still review your final transcript. Keep working hard on your grades.
- Take or retake the ACT or SAT college entrance tests to improve your score.
- Arrange college visits & visit with admission representatives that visit WHS.
- Be aware of college admission deadlines and **APPLY EARLY!** Keep good records of: enrollment deadlines, tuition fees, room & board, financial aid, & other expenses..
- Apply for financial aid in January. (Check to see if FAFSA instructions/forms are available in the Guidance Office)
- Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, after January 1, 2016.
- Make an appointment to meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your future plans – especially if you have senior privilege first or last period.
- Prepare a personal data sheet of community/school involvement to send with admission and scholarship applications. Should you need recommendation letters from counselor/teachers, expect 5-7 days for completion. Don't wait until the last minute to ask.
- Check bulletin boards in the guidance office for information about college visits and scholarships. Search out information or other options in addition to college – i.e. military, trade school, technical training.
- Social media sites should represent the best of you. Please pay attention to what you are posting.
- Complete necessary paperwork requested by WHS: scholarship information for commencement program & senior questionnaire (contains final transcript authorization). Deadlines matter!

College Visitations

College Admissions Counselors will be available to meet with juniors and seniors now through mid November. Listen to the daily announcements to hear who is visiting, check out the bulletin board outside of the guidance office or visit the guidance webpage. This website is updated daily. If you wish to speak with a visiting college admissions counselor, please sign up in the guidance office. Don't forget to follow us on @Wooguidance..

Please note that juniors/seniors may also take 3 days per school year to visit campuses. Make certain you follow WHS guidelines on page 9 of Student Handbook.

Students of the Month for September are:

Colton Morgan & Emily Kemmerer

Congratulations!



The Wayne County Counselor's Association will host a College Fair at WHS on Monday, September 28, from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Approximately 100 colleges/universities will be available to give an overview of their institutions. Students and parents should check out this valuable informational event.

College Application Deadlines

College applications due by January 1 will need to be turned in to the Guidance Office by December 4. Guidance counselors will NOT, under any circumstances, be expected to process college applications received the week of December 14-18. Therefore, students requiring applications to be mailed prior to winter break, MUST turn them in to their counselor by December 4. There will be NO exceptions! The Guidance Office will accept applications due after January 1 at any time and will process them upon return on January 4.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Who: Grades 8-12

When: Monday, November 3 and Wednesday, November 5 from 5:30pm -8:00 pm

Where: WHS Commons and Grade 8 Hallway outside of classrooms.

Grade 8 elective teachers will be in the main 2nd floor corridor near the Grade 8 hallway. Elective teachers that also have 9-12 grade students will be found in the commons area.

No appointment necessary.

Free and Reduced Lunch Yearly Verification

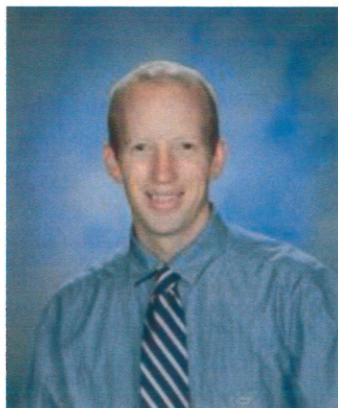
A new application must be submitted before September 26, 2015, to continue on the free/reduced lunch program. Students will be terminated from the program if an application has not been submitted by this date and will be charged full price for breakfast and lunch. New applicants may submit an application at any time. If a change regarding income or household size has occurred, an updated application must also be submitted. Applications are available on the Wooster City Schools website or at any school. Please note that parents with kindergarten students must submit an application for your child to be free or reduced, even if you have siblings that are free/reduced.

Questions can be directed to Sue Case, WHS Food Service secretary, at 330-345-4900.

Attendance:

Attendance is taken at the beginning of first period. Please make certain that if your student arrives after 8:05am, he/she visits the attendance secretary upon arrival. Failure to do so may result in an unexcused absence for that day and excessive failures to sign in may result in disciplinary action. Those with first period privilege must sign in when they arrive prior to second period.





Wooster High School Welcomes **New Counselors to the** **Guidance Office**



Mr. Tyler Egli is the Guidance Counselor for grades 10-12, P – Z. Mr. Egli has spent the last seven years in school counseling, most recently at our own EWMS.

Mr. Egli received his Bachelor's Degree from Grace College in Counseling/Pedagogy/ and Youth Ministries. He has two Master's Degrees in Clinical Mental Health from Grace College and Seminary and one in school counseling from Saint Francis University.

His first work experience in counseling was with the Army. He served in Mosul, Iraq for 12 months as a part of the 25th Infantry Division.

Mr. Egli is happy to return to a high school setting as he brings an additional five years of high school counseling experience to WHS.

Counseling does run in the family as Mr. Egli's wife, Kaley, is also a school counselor for Wooster City Schools. They have two sons that keep them very busy.

When he can get away, Mr. Egli loves to water ski and spend time with his family on the lake. He enjoys sports, learning/gaining knowledge, skydiving, building/contracting, and mechanics.

Mr. Egli is looking forward to serving the quality students, parents, and staff at WHS.

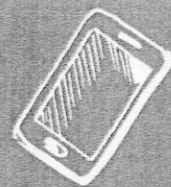
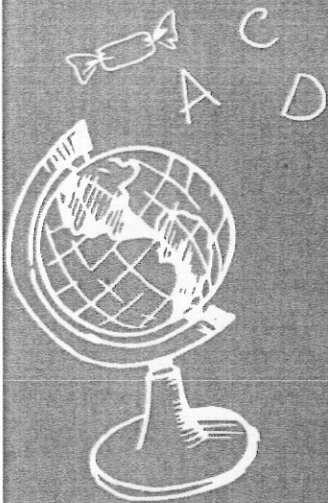
Mrs. Jamie Gerber is the Guidance Counselor for grades 10-12, A – G. She's new to her position, but many of you may remember seeing her during last school year as she helped as a long-term substitute counselor, helped with testing, and provided much needed support to WHS and other buildings within the district.

Mrs. Gerber received her Bachelor's Degree from Walsh University in Psychology with a minor in Sociology. She completed her Master's Degree in Counseling & Human Development, specializing in Clinical Mental Health & School Counseling from Walsh. She is licensed as a Professional Counselor and a School Counselor.

While Mrs. Gerber was working on her Master's Degree, she worked both at Chippewa High School and Pathway Caring for Children.

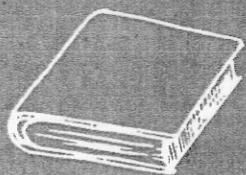
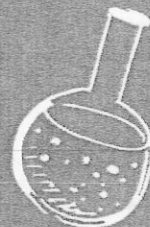
She enjoys spending her free time with her husband and three young children. She also enjoys traveling, hiking, fishing, gardening, & antiquing.

Mrs. Gerber is excited to promote the academic, personal, and social development of all her students and looks forward to offering support to, not only her students, but to their families, staff, and community.



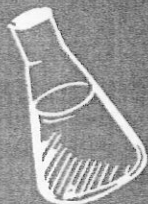
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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



At Wooster High School

**Monday-Thursday
3-5 p.m.
Room C100**



Students in grades 8-12 can take advantage of this opportunity to improve academics and participate in fun games.

Subjects covered: English, history, math and science

Transportation is available to those in the downtown Wooster area, with locations at Cornerstone Elementary and the old Lincoln Way elementary building.

If you have any questions, please see a guidance counselor or an administrator.

